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One of WSP's Most Wanted Fugitives Arrested in St. Louis

On Wednesday, May 3rd, one of the Washington State Patrol's Most Wanted, Dejuan Mario Jones was arrested in St. Louis, Missouri by deputy U.S. Marshals and local law enforcement officers based on a collateral lead sent from the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT) in Seattle. Jones, age 23, of Spokane, was wanted by the Washington State Patrol for Attempted First Degree Assault, Attempt to Elude a Police Vehicle, Taking a Motor Vehicle without Permission and Assault of a Police Officer.

In March of 2004, Jones was driving an unreported stolen vehicle in Spokane County when he was stopped by a state trooper. When the trooper asked Jones to exit the vehicle for investigation of Driving Under the Influence, Jones began to drive away. The Trooper attempted to stop Jones from leaving and was knocked to the ground by the vehicle causing physical injury to the trooper. The vehicle subsequently crashed and Jones fled on foot. He was later apprehended by a K-9 unit, booked into jail and subsequently released on bond. Jones failed to appear for court appearances on the case, and a \$100,000 warrant was issued for his arrest on March 17, 2004.

In March of 2006, after locating and apprehending 3 other fugitive off the Washington State Patrol's Most Wanted list, the PNWFAT began actively searching for Jones. Information was soon developed that Jones may have fled to the State of Missouri in an attempt to avoid apprehension. A collateral lead was sent to the U.S. Marshals Office in St. Louis and Jones was apprehended without incident on Wednesday, May 3rd.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, the U.S. Social Security Administration OIG, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

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For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at www.usmarshals.gov. For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at www.psn.gov.

For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601; for information on the criminal case, call the Captain Jeff Devere, Washington State Patrol at 360-239-2216.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.usmarshals.gov/district/wa-w/index.html> or <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/wanted.htm>